

The Works of Vincent van Gogh

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Introduction

Vincent van Gogh is known as one of the world's greatest painters. His work is famous for its unique style of broken brushstrokes and bright colors.

Some artists like to use a lot of bright colors.



Van Gogh painted a lot of self-portraits (1887).

Can you see the broken brushstrokes in *Café Terrace at Night* by van Gogh (1888)?





 *Les Alyscamps* by
van Gogh (1888)



 *Wheat Field with Cypresses*
by van Gogh (1889)

It might surprise some people that van Gogh didn't become famous until after his death. It's true. He wasn't a well-known artist when he was alive.

Van Gogh's Chair 
by van Gogh
(1888)





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Early Life

Van Gogh was born on March 30, 1853, in Zundert, the Netherlands. His father was a minister, and his mother was an amateur artist. Van Gogh went to school until the age of 15. When he was 16 years old, he went to work in his uncle's art dealer firm.



A minister works in a church.



An art dealer buys and sells art.



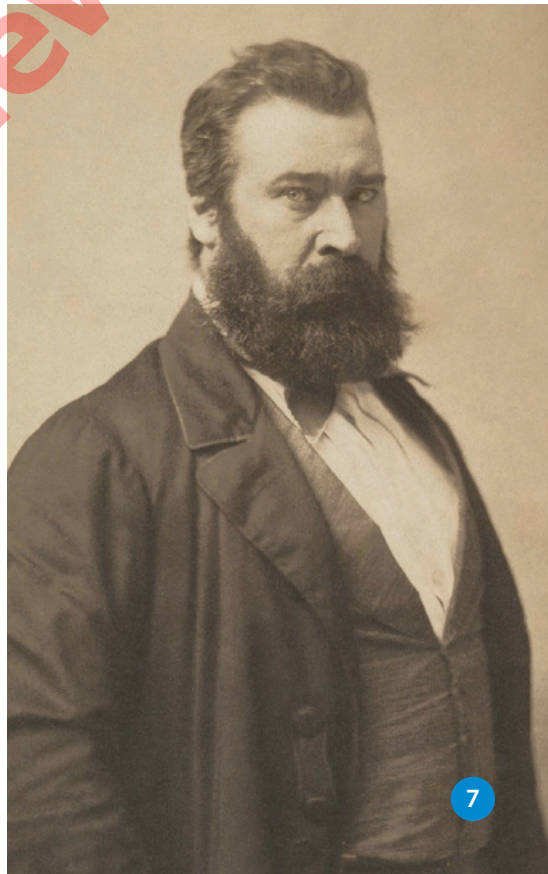
The Netherlands is a country in Europe.

In this job, van Gogh was introduced to many different types of art. He developed a strong liking for the Dutch masters and modern French painters.

Rembrandt is known
as a Dutch master. ↘



Jean-François Millet was a modern
French painter at the time. ↘





London is the capital city of England.

In 1873, van Gogh's uncle sent him to work at his art dealer firm in London. In his free time, van Gogh visited art galleries and read books by English authors. He was already fluent in many languages by this time.



How many languages can you speak?



The Catholic Church has a long history in Europe.

Two years later, van Gogh moved to the firm in Paris. It was there that he lost his interest in art dealing. He was soon fired from his job, and he turned to his faith in the Catholic Church for comfort.

People who don't do their jobs well often get fired. ➡





Very few people live in a village.

In 1878, van Gogh became a priest in a small village in Belgium. During this time, he didn't get along with the older priests. Because of this, he decided to give up his dream of working for the Church.

Belgium is a country in Europe. ➡



It was in van Gogh's 20s that he started to suffer from mental health problems. This meant that he would feel very sad or very angry at times. He soon began to express his feelings through his art.

Mental health is the condition of a person's mind and whether or not they are suffering from any mental illness.



Like this man, van Gogh felt very angry at times.

